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1. [ ] the ammunition depot at Nagykanizsa [4627N-1659E] was constructed prior to World War II. [ ] at Post No. 3 [See Point #4, Annex B]

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only officer personnel with specific authorization from the regimental commander could gain access to any building. Officers having this authorization also had in their possession a new lead seal to be used to replace the safety wire and seal broken each time a door was opened [See Point 1, Annex B]. These officers were required to take off their shoes, put on a cloth type slipper, and be searched for matches, lighters, etc., before entering.

2. The Nagykanizsa area was regarded as the worst kind of assignment because of frequent attempts of sabotage by anti-Soviet Hungarian agents, and the resulting rigidly enforced security procedures. Troops stationed there were constantly warned of spies within their own ranks. [ ] the Nagykanizsa area three or four 25X1 unsuccessful attempts at sabotage were made. In one attempt to sabotage the ammunition depot three Hungarian soldiers were shot and holes for dynamite were found drilled under buildings. In the Summer of 1950 the national

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political police barracks in Nagykanizsa were machine-gunned from a passing sedan, resulting in the death of one political policeman and damage to the building. Approximately 80 shots were fired. The general opinion was that the gunmen were Yugoslavs of Yugoslav sponsored. Sentries coming off duty at the ammunition depot would tell of shooting at prowlers during the night, of hearing frequent gun shots, or of being attacked. As a result new sentries were reluctant to walk posts as required and often remained hidden behind trees until their tour was over. Sentries were also afraid to walk or stand near buildings for fear of explosions and sabotage. The sentries were not as security conscious as the officers and carried out the orders of their posts only when the officers in charge appeared. Because camp officers mistrusted new sentries, the old guard was kept on duty for two to four days. Guards would be posted for two hours and after being relieved would remain in the guardhouse for two hours standby alert, before going off duty until time for duty at their post again. Guards off duty were allowed to leave the depot area, and very little control was exerted over them. As a result sentries would get drunk, steal grapes, and see girl friends.

- Enc Annexes: A: Overlay [ ] Pinpointing the Ammunition Depot near Nagykanizsa and other Installations  
B: [ ] Sketch of Ammunition Depot near Nagykanizsa

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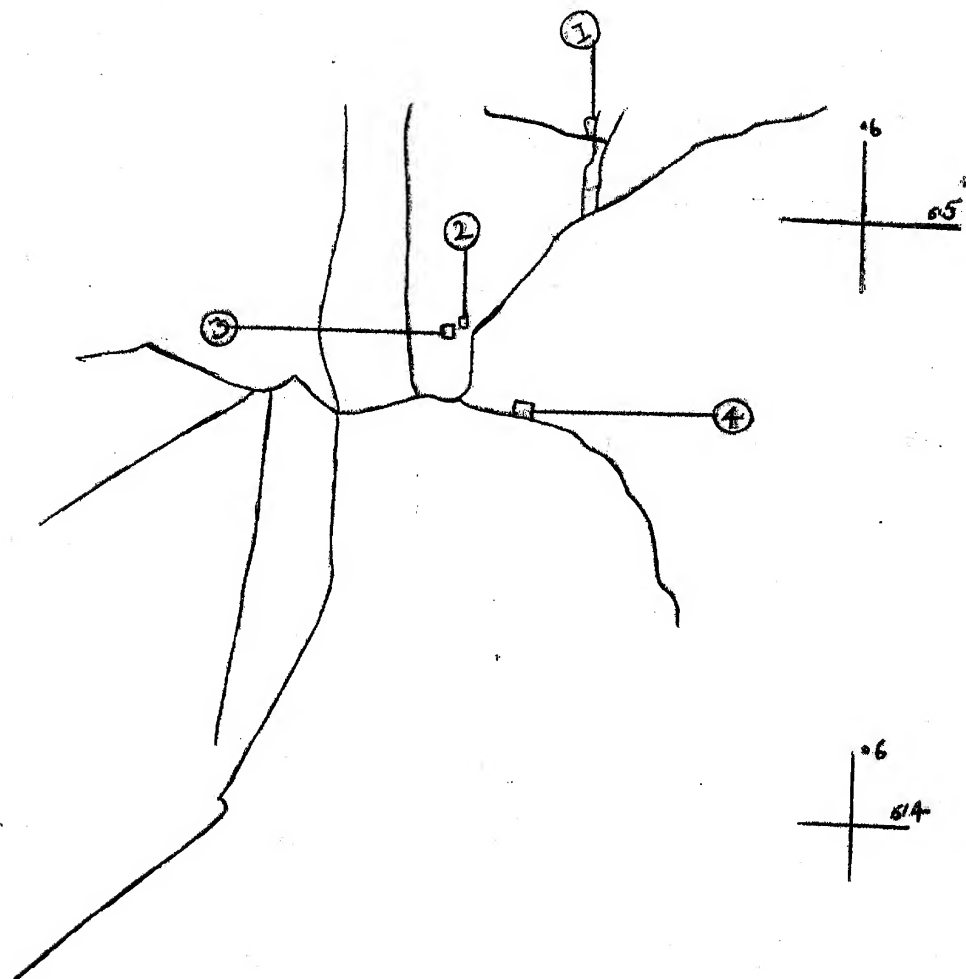
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Durdevac, 1:100,000, Pinpointing Military Installations in the Nagykanizsa Area

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Legend

- Point #1. Nagykanizsa Ammunition Depot. /This Report/
- #2. Gabor Aron Military Camp.
- #3. Petoefi Military Camp.
- #4. Nagykanizsa Dozsa Military Camp.

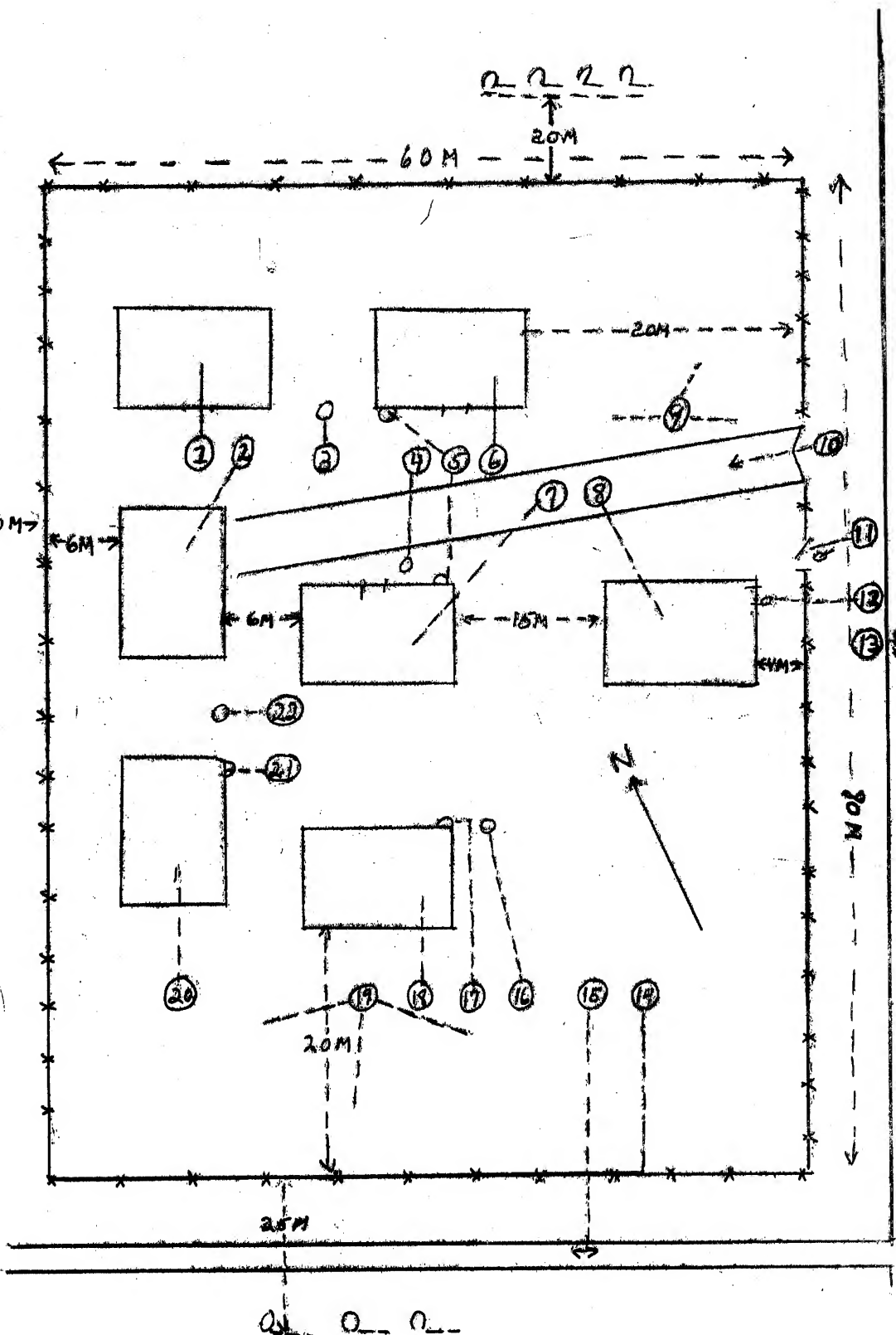
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## Legend

**Point 1.** Building: single story, flat deck type roof, concrete reinforced construction, 10 x 8 x 8 m., with walls about 30 cm. thick. Two small barred windows on the front only faced the center of the area. These windows were 75 x 50 cm., fully glassed, with three iron bars two cm. in diameter vertically built into concrete, and two horizontal iron bars. Doors were heavy and wooden, 2 x 1 m., with a steel bar across the door-one end anchored to building, the other end attached to lock and hasp. The door opened by unlocking the lock, breaking the lead seal (safety wired) and swinging the steel bar out of the way. There was no lock on the door itself. The door opened to the outside. There were four lightning rods three meters high, one on each corner of the building.

**2.** Building: low structure, 8 x 4 x 4 m., concrete reinforced construction, flat deck type roof, walls 30 cm. thick, two small windows front only, 75 x 50 cm., fully glassed, iron bars 2 cm. in diameter built into concrete, three vertically, two horizontally. [same door construction details as Point #1]. There was a lightning rod three meters high on each corner of the building.

**3.** Sentry: Post No. 4. Post included area around the two buildings [Points 1 and 6, Encl. B7]. [Sentry under same conditions as sentry, Point #22, Annex. B7]

**4.** Sentry: Post No. 3. Post included area around building [Point 7, Annex. B7]. [Sentry under same conditions as sentry, Point 22 Annex. B7]

**5.** Alarm Bell Buttons: Waist-high, wires led underground to guard house [see Point 8, Encl. B, this report]. Sentry's instructions were to push button when assistance needed.

**6.** Building [same constructional details and information as Point 1, Annex. B7]

**7.** Building [same constructional details and information as Point 1, Annex. B7]

**8.** Guard House: [same constructional details as Point 1, Annex B7] Building was divided into two rooms with walls 20 cm thick between rooms and the ceiling smooth and plastered. There were three windows. 2 x 1 m., barred with three vertical rods and eight horizontal rods. Occupied by a guard consisting of 21 men; 18 sentries, Sgt. of guard, Cpl. of guard and charge of quarters. Six sentries on post duty, six sentries standing alert in guard house, six sentries off duty who could leave area. Alarm bell button [Point 5, Annex B7] would bring standby alert sentries out to building from which alarm was rung.

**9.** Woods: deciduous trees, very dense, covers northern three-quarters of area. Most of buildings could not be seen from roads. Only footpaths led from building to building. A cleared-out strip surrounded fence, width about 20 m. I believe area would be difficult to see from air.

**10.** Driveway, crushed stone, four meters wide, straight approach from gate to building [Point 2, Annex. B7]

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- Point 11. Sentry: Post No. 1, and gate entrance to ammunition depot iron gate, one meter wide, two meters high, usually open but guarded. All I.D. cards and passes were checked carefully by this guard.
12. Sentry: Post No. 2. Post included entrance to guard house and around building Point 3, Annex B.
13. Road: crushed stone, four meters wide, open drainage ditches. Led to entrance of ammunition supply depot.
14. Fence: two meters high, heavy mesh wire, three strands of barbed wire on top. The fence was not electrified, [redacted]
15. Road: Dirt, three meters wide, runs northwest, adjacent to fence, used mostly as foot path and by farm wagons.
16. Sentry: Post No. 6. Post included area around building Point 18, Annex B. Sentry under identical conditions as in Point 12.
17. Alarm Bell Button, same as Point 5, Annex B.
18. Building same constructional details and info as in Point 1, Annex B.
19. Cleared Area, only small brush and weeds.
20. Building: same constructional details and information as in Point 1, Annex B.
21. Alarm Bell Button: same as Point 5, Annex B.
22. Sentry: Post No. 5: Post included area around two buildings Points 2 and 20 with instructions to shoot at trespassers. Because of the isolated and wooded area and because of the attempted sabotage of buildings at the depot, the sentries were very tense and afraid of getting too close to the buildings. Consequently, most sentries stood among trees away from the buildings while on duty. Sentries were armed with rifles or automatic rifles.

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